

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 109th Congress¹**

[Date approved: September 20, 2005]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 2155 (Mr. Henry E. Brown of South Carolina)

Proponent name, location: Symrise, Inc.
Goose Creek, SC

Other bills on product (109th Congress only): None.

Nature of bill: Temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2008.

Retroactive effect: None.

Suggested article description(s) for enactment (including appropriate HTS subheading(s)):

1,2-Octanediol (CAS No. 1117-86-8) (provided for in subheading 2905.39.90).

Check one: Same as that in bill as introduced
 Different from that in bill as introduced (see Technical comments section)

Product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports:

The subject product is an organic chemical used as an ingredient in skin care products, coatings, adhesives, and inks.

The subject compound is imported from Germany. There is no known U.S. production.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Jeff Clark (202-205-3318); Tariff Affairs contact: David Michels (202-205-3440).

² Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/index.htm

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 2905.39.90					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Col. 1-General rate of duty	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Customs revenue loss	\$8,250	\$8,250	\$8,250	\$8,250	\$8,250

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

Contacts with domestic firms/organizations (including the proponent):

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	US production of same or competitive product claimed?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
			(Yes/No)	
Symrise (proponent) Jed D'Ercole, 202-835-0740	08/01/2005	No	No	No
Bayer Corporation Karen Niedermeyer, 412-777-2058	08/01/2005	No	No	No
Clariant Corporation Andrew Zamoyski, 401-823-2230	08/01/2005	No	No	No
Eli Lilly Kathy Karol, 202-393-7950	08/01/2005	No	No	No
International Flavors & Fragrances Tom Kinlin, 732-264-4500	08/01/2005	No	No	No
Procter & Gamble Jim McCarthy, 202-393-4606	08/01/2005	No	No	No

Technical comments:³

The Commission suggests that the article description on page 1 of this report be used in the proposed new heading in order to correctly provide a hyphen in the chemical name.

³ The Commission may express an opinion on the HTS classification of a product to facilitate consideration of the bill. However, by law, only the U.S. Customs Service is authorized to issue a binding ruling on this matter. The Commission believes that the U.S. Customs Service should be consulted prior to enactment of the bill.

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2155

To suspend temporarily the duty on 1,2 Octanediol.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 5, 2005

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on 1,2 Octanediol.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. 1,2 OCTANEDIOL.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of
5 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is
6 amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following:

“	9902.34.32		1,2 Octanediol (CAS No. 1117-86-8) (provided for in subheading 2905.39.90)		Free		No change		No change		On or before 12/31/2008	”.
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7 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
8 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from

- 1 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
- 2 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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